



September Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to everyone in the Hilton Lane Family! A very special welcome to all of the new children who have joined us this September. It is wonderful to have you with us. We have made a fantastic start to the new academic year, with children settling in beautifully, getting straight to work and already impressing their teachers with their enthusiasm, positive attitudes and willingness to learn. We are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead together.

Absence:

A gentle reminder about our attendance procedures. If your child is unable to attend school, parents and carers must contact the school directly and let us know the reason for their absence. As outlined in our recent Seesaw message, if we do not receive notification of an absence, our Seesaw message is not responded to, and we are unable to make contact by telephone, we will carry out a home visit on the first day of absence. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us to keep all of our children safe.

PE Kits and Uniform:

Firstly, a huge thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring that children have returned to school looking smart and ready to learn in the correct school uniform. The children look fantastic and have represented Hilton Lane brilliantly.

However, a number of children have started the school year without a suitable PE kit. To enable all pupils to participate fully in PE, which is a statutory part of the National Curriculum, children must have appropriate PE footwear, including pumps or trainers. We have a limited number of spare pumps available in school, but we would appreciate your support in ensuring your child has the correct kit. PE kits can be brought into school and left on your child's peg for the duration of the half term. Thank you for your cooperation.

Medical/ Asthma:

A polite reminder that it is the responsibility of parents and carers to keep the school informed of any changes to their child's medical history, health needs or medication requirements. This information is essential in helping us to keep all children safe and well while they are in our care.

I would also like to draw your attention to the recent Seesaw message regarding asthma medication. Any child with a diagnosis of asthma must have an inhaler in school that is clearly labelled with their name by the pharmacy, is in date, and is accompanied by a spacer. If you have not already done so, please check with your child's class teacher this week to ensure that the correct medication is in school and readily available should it be needed. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all of our children safe and healthy.

Seesaw:

Please be reminded that all parents and carers should have access to Seesaw, as it is our primary method of communication. Without access to Seesaw, you may miss important information, key dates and school updates. We also use Seesaw to share the wonderful learning taking place in our classrooms, giving you the opportunity to see and celebrate your child's achievements with them at home.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so via Seesaw and be mindful of working hours – staff cannot be available at the gate as they are with the children. There may be a delay in responding during the school day, as teachers will be busy teaching and supporting pupils. Should you have any concerns, your child's class teacher should always be your first point of contact so that any issues can be addressed and resolved as quickly as possible. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Wider School Apps:

Firstly, thank you for your patience whilst the office staff worked hard to resolve the issues that were affecting ParentPay. We are pleased to confirm that these have now been fixed and you should be able to access ParentPay as usual. If you are new to Hilton Lane and require access to ParentPay, please speak to Mrs Lowe in the school office, who will be happy to help.

Similarly, if you require access to the Evolve dinner ordering system, please ensure this is arranged as soon as possible so that your child's lunch choices can be selected. If a lunch is not ordered, your child will be provided with a default meal of a cheese sandwich and fruit. We understand that this may not always be your child's preferred option, so please try to place orders in advance wherever possible. Alternatives cannot be offered due to kitchen capacity. This will help to ensure your child enjoys a meal of their choice and has a happy and positive lunchtime experience.

Staff Shout Out:

A huge shout out and warm welcome to Miss Tilzey, Miss Eссор and Miss Osazee, who have joined the Hilton Lane team this September. They have already settled in brilliantly and have so many positive things to say about your wonderful children. Thank you to all of our staff for their dedication, hard work and commitment in helping the children make such a positive start to the new school year. We are excited to work together and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

Pupil Shout Out:

A huge thank you to our Year 6 children, who have made the very best start to the new school year. They have consistently demonstrated our core values and have already set an excellent example for younger pupils across the school. Staff have commented on the high standards they are setting as our role models this year. Keep up the fantastic work, Year 6. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you!

Finally (I promise – sorry I know this was a long newsletter)...

Parental engagement is something we are keen to develop further this year, as we know that strong partnerships between home and school have a positive impact on children's success and wellbeing. We have not had an active PTA for some time and would love to hear from any parents or carers who would be interested in getting involved. Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, your support would be greatly appreciated. Please come and speak to me if you would like to find out more. Please also keep an eye out for information regarding our upcoming Parent Governor vacancy. This is a wonderful opportunity to play an important role in supporting and shaping the future of our school. Finally, thank you all in advance for your continued support throughout this academic year. We value the strong relationships we have with our families and look forward to working together to make this another successful year for all of our children.

*Kindest regards,
Miss Kearsley.*